EVALUATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL AND REMEDIAL SOFTWARE FOR SOL INSTRUCTION

The purpose of the review is to provide school divisions participating in the Standards of Learning Web-based Technology Initiative with evaluations and correlation of technology-based materials for instruction and remediation. The software review committee of a school division has reviewed the product and submitted the review.

A school division submits only reviews of software/Web sites that are found to be
effective for instruction and/or remediation.

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PRODUCT INFORMATION

Title: Math Blaster Algebra

Version #:

Copyright Date: 1997

- · Title of Series:
- Title of Component [module], if applicable:
- Publisher/producer: Knowledge Adventure (Davidson and Associates)
- System Requirements: Power Macintosh/WIN 95 microcomputer (486/66MHz or better [Pentium recommended], 12MB RAM, Windows 95), hard drive with 5MB free, SVGA monitor (256 colors), quad-speed CD-ROM drive, sound card, amplified speakers or headphones.

Standards Of Learning Correlations And Degree Of Correlation With the Content of the Software Product

MATHEMATICS:

- Algebra I SOL #A2(Exceptional), SOL #A5, A6(Moderate), SOL #A7, A16(Moderate)
- Mathematics − Remediation: SOL #8.2, 8.5(Moderate), SOL #8.17(Exceptional), SOL #8.18 (Moderate)

UTILIZATION AND TEACHER PREPARATION

Teaching high school students with hands-on, interactive software demonstrations. Also, good for reinforcement and review.

Type and degree of teacher training required to support effective utilization of the software/Web site.

Teacher training would consist of understanding how to utilize a CD-ROM; user friendly software

Vendor teacher training available for this product - Not sure If "YES," is cost: an additional charge; is training: on-site with company presenter; quality of training: meet expectations

Your additional comments:

TECHNICAL ASPECTS and TEACHER SUPPORT MATERIALS

Indicate if the software/Web site has been reviewed in either of the following sources:

- In EvaluTech (http://www.evalutech.sreb.org/) Yes or No: Yes
- if yes date reviewed: 05/15/98 issue
- In Educational Software Preview Guide (ISTE)
 (http://www.pen.k12.va.us/VDOE/Technology/imt.html) Yes or No: Yes
- if yes date reviewed: